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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION: MORRIS COUNTY
DOCKET NO. MRS-C-7-96

DEBORAH T. PORITZ,
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY
and THE NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

Plaintiffs,

v.

MARGARET M. WILSON HILL
a.k.a. PEGGY HILL

Defendant

CIVIL ACTION

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the Court on a complaint filed by Deborah T. Poritz, Attorney General of New Jersey and the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners, Lynn Denis, Deputy Attorney General appearing, alleging in four counts that defendant practiced and offered to practice social work in the State of New Jersey and held herself out as able to engage in the practice of social work without having a license to do so. Pursuant to representations made by all parties to the Court on February 20, 1996, with Paul Murphy, Esq. appearing on behalf of defendant, an Amended Order was entered March 11, 1996, preliminarily restraining defendant from the engaging, and offering to engage in the unlicensed practice of social work within the State of New Jersey. Without admitting any wrongdoing, defendant agrees not to contest the claims raised in the Verified Complaint. The parties having consented to the entry of the within Order and there being an acknowledgment that defendant is currently certified by the

Alcohol and Drug Counselor Certification Board of New Jersey, Inc. as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, and it appearing that good cause exists for the entry of the within Order;

IT IS ON THIS 24th DAY OF ^{May} APRIL, 1996

ORDERED AND AGREED:

1. Defendant shall not (a) engage in the practices of social work as a certified or licensed social worker, or (b) offer to render or render any services constituting the practice of social work in the State of New Jersey, unless and until certified or licensed under the Social Work Licensing Act (the "Act"), N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-1, et seq.
2. Defendant shall not assume, call, represent or hold herself out as, or use the title or designation "social worker," "licensed clinical social worker," "licensed social worker," "certified social worker," "medical social worker," "social worker technician," or any other title or designation which includes the words "social worker" or "social work," or use the title designation or the abbreviations "SW," "LCSW," "LSW" "CSW" "SWT" or similar abbreviations, unless or until certified or licensed under the Act, and unless the title or designation corresponds to the certification or license held by Defendant.
3. At any time subsequent to the entry of this Order, defendant may make application to the Board for licensure or certification pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-6. Any denial of said application must be grounded upon proof of a failure to meet qualifications, proof of statutorily prohibited conduct or violation of the within order.
4. Defendant shall affirmatively disclose on her marketing materials, brochures, business cards, invoices, letterhead, telephone answering recordings, and all other business materials that she is a "Certified Alcohol and Drug counselor," or use the designation "CADC" on such material, unless and until certified or licensed under any other professional licensing statute, including but not limited to, the Social Work Licensing Act, N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-1, et seq., at which time Defendant may then include any such additional certifications and/or licenses to the aforesaid affirmative disclosure to the extent permitted by law.

5. Defendant shall include in her invoices the name and license number of a supervising psychiatrist or other provider of services, whenever the services identified in the invoice are, in fact, rendered under such supervision.

6. Defendant shall not use the designation "psychotherapy" in her invoices as the description of services she provides to her clients.

7. Defendant shall, for a period of one (1) year, consult with, and be supervised by James Cocores, M.D., a psychiatrist licensed in the State of New Jersey, on a monthly basis, for the purpose of reviewing her client cases and obtaining professional advice on, and referrals for, those clients who, in Dr. Cocores's professional judgment, manifest physical, social, emotional, mental or other problems which are beyond simply drug and alcohol related problems and which would require the services of other providers trained to treat such problems. As evidence of appropriate supervision, each client's record maintained by defendant shall contain the supervisor's signed and dated diagnosis of the client's drug and/or alcohol abuse or related problem; and the supervisor also shall create and maintain his own record, in each case he supervises, of his diagnosis of defendant's client, the diagnosis (DSM) code and the date of diagnosis.

8. Defendant shall pay costs in this matter of \$3,800.00, and shall pay a civil penalty of \$3,000.00. Payment of the sum of \$6,800.00 may be made in installment payments as provided herein.

9. Defendant shall have leave to make payment of civil penalties and costs in 18 monthly installments, each in the sum of \$377.78. The first payment shall be payable on or before the fifteenth day of November, 1996. The remaining 17 installment payments shall be made on or before the fifteenth day of every month thereafter. All such payments shall be made by certified check, money order or attorney trust account check payable to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners, Leslie Aronson, Executive Director, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102. If any payment shall not be made by the 10th day following the scheduled date of payment, the Board, in its sole discretion, shall be permitted to declare that all outstanding sums shall be immediately due and owing in full.

10. The Verified Complaint is hereby dismissed with prejudice.

**FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of
of this Order shall be served on
all counsel of record within 7
days hereof.**

This Order is approved as
to form and entry.

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a/k/a Peggy Hill

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